

in the Journal. (See pages 614-16 of the Legislative Journal.)

Madam President, your Committee on Government, Military and Veterans Affairs, whose Chair is Senator Schimek, reports LB 249 to General File. That's signed by Senator Schimek as Chair. And that's all that I have at this time, Madam President. (See page 616 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We'll proceed now with General File, LB 158.

CLERK: Madam President, LB 158 was a bill introduced by Senator Hillman and a number of members at the request of the Governor. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 7 of this year, referred to the Transportation Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending by the Transportation Committee.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. Senator Hillman will give you a full explanation of what the intercity bus system is. What we have for the committee amendments is an amendment to conform, so we can meet our federal funding requirements, and we had to reword one definition. And you will find that, I believe, in the bill on page 3. It's the definition of intercity bus system. It shall read, the committee amendment now, a system of regularly scheduled bus service for the general public which operates with limited stops over fixed routes, connecting two or more communities, not in close proximity, which support public transportation service. That is...the only change is the last part of that phrase. It does not change the intent of the bill, nor its working nature, but does allow us to comply with the federal funding requirements with that language. And I would urge the adoption of the amendment, and then allow Senator Hillman to give you an explanation, in full, of the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Does anyone wish to speak to the committee amendments? Seeing none, we will now vote on the motion to adopt the committee amendments. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the committee amendments? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of the